FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND DECISION RECORD FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OR-030-03-017 ADDRESSING RIGHTS-OF-WAY OR 56660 and OR 58570

Recommendation

It is recommended that Rights-of-Way OR 56660 and OR 58570 be issued to authorize Idaho Power Company to construct, operate, maintain and terminate a 34.5kV electric distribution line and road as addressed in Environmental Assessment OR-030-03-017 prepared by Eagle Cap Consulting, Inc., May, 2003. These rights-of-way would be issued pursuant to Title V of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended (90 Stat. 2776, 43 U.S.C. 1761). All activities associated with these rights-of-way would be subject to FLPMA, applicable regulations contained in 43 CFR 2800, the provisions contained in Environmental Assessment OR-030-03-017 and the terms and conditions of the subject grants.

The proposed action is in conformance with the Southeastern Oregon Resource Management Plan of September 30, 2002.

The issuance of these rights-of-way will not conflict with any foreseeable development plans on the subject lands if recommended stipulations are adhered to.

The United States owns the surface and mineral estates of the subject lands.

The subject lands have no known unique values, and there are no pending land use applications other than these.

The issuance of the grants will be consistent with Title V of FLPMA and with the regulations found at 43 CFR 2800.

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